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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR UK IO MP
SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION

REF: STATE 019236

1. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE PARA 5 REFTEL.

2. MAURITIAN PRESS HAS CARRIED COMMENT ON THIS REPORTED EXPANSION ON ALMOST DAILY BASIS SINCE STORY FIRST BROKE. THESE ARTICLES BASED, HOWEVER, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON REUTERS AND AFP WIRE SERVICE ITEMS. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT GOVERNMENT CENSORS NOT PERMITTING PRESS TO ELABORATE FURTHER THAN WHAT PROVIDED OVER WIRE SERVICES.

3. NONETHELESS, HAS BEEN ONE REFERENCE, IN LE MAURICIEN, TO "DERISORY SUM" THAT WAS PAID TO MAURITIUS AS REIMBURSEMENT AT TIME BIOT CONSTITUTED.

4. COMMENT: HAVE BEEN NO GOVERNMENTAL INQUIRIES OF EMBASSY TO DATE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS. NEW BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, BRIND, TOLD CHARGE JANUARY 29 THAT WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF DESIGNATION TO PM, SIR SEEWOOSAGUR RAMGOOLAM, LATTER NOTED PRESS STORIES ON DIEGO GARCIA BUT DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER. DEPT. MAY NOTE, HOWEVER, IN RESEARCHING BACKGROUND TRANSFER
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DATED JANUARY 12, 1971 RPT 1971), THAT THE PRIMIN HAS IN PAST EXPRESSED REGRET OVER TRANSFERRING THIS TERRITORY TO BRITISH "FOR NOTHING," AND HAS STATED PERSONAL BELIEF THAT MAURITIUS STILL RETAINS CERTAIN RESIDUAL (MINERAL, FISHING) RIGHTS IN AREA. THIS IS ATTITUDE HE MAY ONCE AGAIN ALLUDE TO AS JOINTLY APPROVED NOTIFICATION (STATE 019913) IS UNDERTAKEN.
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